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Principal's Points

Welcome Disco

I hope everyone is dusting of their dancing shoes in preparation for the Welcome Disco this Saturday Night. The evening starts at 6:00p.m. and will conclude by 8:00p.m. I look forward to seeing many new and current families dancing the night away.

Year 6 & 7 Camp

Many tired but excited children arrived back from camp on Friday afternoon. I trust that over the weekend you were able to catch up on all the anecdotes relating to the week. I have heard a few humorous stories regarding the teachers on the toboggan. A big thank you to all the staff who accompanied the students. Mrs. Clancy, Mrs. Connell, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Milne and Mr. Gallagher, we really appreciate all the time and effort that went into making the week a fun and enjoyable one for all concerned.

The Gap SHS Leaders Investiture Ceremony

This Friday morning, I will be attending the Gap State High School Leaders Investiture Ceremony. This provides an opportunity to both welcome the new leaders at our neighbouring High School and visit with many of our former students. Congratulations to former Payne Road SS students; Cameron McClure (Vice-Captain) and Jeffrey Watson (Arts Captain). I am sure that they

will do a wonderful job in their respective roles.

Leaders' Meeting

This Thursday, Mr Johnstone and I will be attending a meeting for Principals and Deputies of Brisbane Central and West District at Education House. The theme of the day is "Clever, Skilled and Creative". A range of speakers including Rachel Hunter (Director General, Department of Education and the Arts) will address the group, informing us of the latest departmental initiatives and how they will affect future direction.

Casual Cleaner

We are still looking for a casual cleaner to work on Friday afternoons for the next few weeks. If you are interested, please contact the office as a matter of urgency.

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

Deputy Principal's Points

Thank you

Thank you to all the staff, students and families for making my transition to Payne Road State School so enjoyable. I have had the pleasure of visiting all the classrooms and talking to most of our students during lunch and play time. It is understandable that all staff, parents, students and community members associated with the school would be proud of their affiliation. It is clear that there are Parents and Teachers within the school who

donate a lot of time and effort to help maintain the positive culture that has been developed. I look forward to working with staff, parents and students throughout the year and hope that I can also help in keeping the school image strong.

Effort and recognition

People have and always will put in extra effort when working in and around schools. Maybe it is because of the entities that we deal with (the lives of young children) or it may be because schools are places that help shape the future of our society. Either way, it is important to recognise the extra efforts that people put into schools as it is through dedication from people that great schools are developed. Recently there have been a few parents helping with the uniform shop and tuckshop at different times and this weekend (Saturday 16 February) there is the Welcome Disco. With this help the school is able to sustain a great community image and one that promotes strong partnerships with all stakeholders.

It is also worth mentioning that there are a lot of staff members who have been working very hard over the past month and a half to ensure that the school year starts off in a positive manner. Events such as camps where teachers give up their family lives for a period of time to ensure a fun and enriching program for students are also sacrifices that should not go unnoticed. There have been staff members spending hours each day outside of the 8:30am – 3pm time frame at school so that they can develop and better implement

programs that are of benefit to the children they teach. We have also had dedicated staff members up on weekends working both in the office and in classrooms.

It is through everyone's combined efforts that Payne Road State School has become the great school it is so thank you to everyone who has contributed over the past month.

Thank you.

Mark Johnstone (Acting Deputy Principal)

TERM 1 DATES

Week 3

- 15 February– District Swimming Carnival

Week 4

- 21 February - Prep Excursion Botanical Gardens
- 22 February – Summer Sport commences

Week 5

- 5 March – Leaders' Induction Ceremony
- 27 February- Regional Swimming
- 29 February – MEAL DEAL

Week 6

Week 7

- 15 March – Brisbane City Council Elections

Week 8:

- 21 March – Good Friday
- 19 March – Life Education Van

LOTE NEWS

This year we celebrate the International Year of Languages. Thus it seems fitting that we have been lucky enough to expand the Languages Other Than English (LOTE) program to now include the Lower School (even Prep.)

I am very excited about this opportunity and over the next four weeks I'd like to share reasons why, as well as introduce the LOTE and ICIs programs to you.

This week	Why Study Chinese Mandarin?
Week 2	What is LOTE?
Week 3	What is ICIs?
Week 4	What we do at Payne Road. Insight to our programs.

Why Study Chinese Mandarin?

Modern Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world. It is

the official language of China. It is spoken as either a first or second language by over 1.2 billion people.

China has a long and rich history encompassing many aspects of literature, art, architecture, music and philosophy. Its influence has gone beyond China to other parts of the world. For example, paper money was invented in China.

Since the 1840s Australian society has been enriched and enlivened by the contribution of Chinese communities. There are many opportunities for students to interact with and experience Chinese culture. An example of this is our excursions to local temples and Chinatown.

Governments at the national and state levels are strengthening their ties with China and other Chinese speaking countries and areas through trade, education and cultural exchanges. AND who can forget Kevin Rudd's speech to the Chinese President? Modern Chinese is a language of trade and commerce in some of the fastest growing economies in the world.

Cara Dean (Lote Teacher)

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

We would appreciate it, if any items that are to be included in the newsletter are emailed to **both** Debra and myself at school.

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Thanks

Michele James

WELCOME DISCO

We're all looking forward to the "green scene" disco on Saturday. The BBQ cooks are ready to give you a snag or two, the soft drinks are going on ice, and the glow sticks are waiting to be snapped. Parents - don't forget to BYO and throw in a chair or two to make it a bit more comfy. We look forward to seeing you all there.

P&C Committee

RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

In 2007 I began a series of newsletter items highlighting aspects of ASD or Asperger's Syndrome. We looked at the effects of an impaired or delayed Theory Of Mind (the ability to recognize and understand thoughts beliefs, desires and intentions of others in order to make sense of the behaviour and predict what they are going to do

next). The first three effects we explored were

1. difficulty looking at and reading someone's eye
2. making a literal interpretation
3. a tendency to be considered disrespectful and rude.

A fourth effect is honesty. The child with ASD when asked by a parent if they have committed an act that they know is not allowed, is likely to admit readily that they did it.

Another example of this honesty is the inability to know when it would be expected to tell a 'white lie' to avoid offending someone. An example may be that at a shopping centre the child with ASD may see an overweight person and in a usual tone of voice and volume make the comment that the person is fat and needs to go on a diet or otherwise they may die from diabetes or heart disease. The child's opinion is that the person should be grateful for his advice. The parent is mortified.

In class a teacher is at the board, back to the class and a student makes a loud offensive noise. The teacher turns and asks, "Who did that?" The student with ASD will 'dob' in classmates with little hesitation because he believes that the truth is important and it is logical to give the correct answer.

The child with ASD finds it difficult to deceive or know when it is possible to deceive. When they do learn this ability they are usually in their teens or as young adults and their attempts at deception are quite immature.

Adults with ASD can be honest, have a strong sense of social justice, and follow the rules. As adults in the workforce you know that these are admirable qualities but in a company or organisation bosses and colleagues do not always share these qualities. The adult with ASD may become disillusioned and feel unsupported when he points out breaches of policy or codes.

Jill Darch

NEWS FROM CHAPLAIN

It's great to be back at Payne Road for 2008. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Chris Bullock and I am the chaplain here. I work 2 days a week, generally Wednesday and Friday. I am available to give support to students, parents and teachers if needed. This is my second term at Payne Road, and I have really appreciated the welcome that I have received. This is a great school community, and I have enjoyed getting to know many of you. I am usually at

Treat Time on Friday afternoons, and I am planning to attend the Welcome Disco, so come and introduce yourself then if you haven't already met me. Alternately, feel free to come and see me or call me on one of my days at school, particularly if you have any concerns with which you feel I may be able to assist.

Chris Bullock(Chaplain)

OSHC

Quality assurance

Surveys were sent home to families whose children attended our program last week. Thank you to those families who took the time to fill in and return the surveys – the results have been exemplary. If you haven't yet returned your survey we are able to collect them until tomorrow (Wednesday).

This is part of the five-step process of Outside School Hours Care Quality Assurance (OSHCQA). This process is directly linked with the funding each family receives from the Department of Families and Community Service (DFACS) in the form of Child Care Benefit (CCB). Our service has undertaken Step 1: Self-study and Continuing Improvement and is now up to Step 2: Surveys. Step 3 is Validation; Step 4 is Moderation and Step 5 is the Accreditation decision.

For the survey part of OSHCQA and to receive maximum credit, 40% of the family surveys, 40% of the children surveys.

If you wish to have any more information regarding the QA process, please feel free to come and see me or ask our very helpful staff.

Management meeting

Please do not wait for surveys to offer feedback to our service. We aim to continually improve our service but without feedback this is an arduous task. We are a community-based organization and have monthly meetings where all families and community members are welcome to offer assistance.

Our meeting for this month will be held tomorrow night 13 February 2008 at 7.30pm. Please contact either the secretary Julie Marshall or myself for venue. Your contribution is valuable.

Bookings/cancellations

Our enrolments for this year are very high. It is therefore imperative to call prior to 9.00am to cancel a regular booking. Our program is very flexible but staff ratios need to be strictly adhered to. Also if you require an extra casual session or emergency care

remember to contact us, and the school to ensure children are advised so as to avoid confusion. For any further information please see your family information package or speak to one of our helpful staff. We thank you and appreciate your support in this matter.

Request to prep families

Could all parents/carers please supply a **spare hat** for your children on the days they attend After School Care as the children will be leaving their school hats at prep. As at school we have a 'NO HAT, NO OUTSIDE PLAY' policy.

Donations

Paper planes and drawing are always popular activities at OSHC. We wish to ask for donations of paper for use within our service. Also donations of magazines and games are also appreciated.

AASC

Yesterday we began our Active After School program. The program will offer fun, safe and inclusive structured physical activities providing children with the opportunity to develop essential motor skills and an enthusiasm for being active.

During this term we are offering hip hop classes (Monday), soccer skills (Tuesday) and Multi skill games (Thursday). If your child is attending on these days please fill in the required permission forms to take part in this activity.

Susie Berkhut (Coordinator)

PARENTING COURSE

Two places are left for the parenting workshop that starts on 20 Feb. Please call the office on 3511 3111 or drop in and put your name on the register if you're interested in attending. Remember that there's free child supervision if required.

Also - if you're interested in the workshop but this is not good timing for you, please register your interest and preferred dates and times at the office. We're planning on scheduling further workshops in the future.

Debra Jackson

TUCKSHOP

TUCKSHOP IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS TO FILL OUR THURSDAY ROSTER.

If you can help, even if only for 2 hours rather than the full day, please leave your name and number at the office.

If you have not received a copy of our new (blue) menu, spare copies

are available at the office, OSHC or tuckshop.

TUCKSHOP WILL BE OPEN FOR "TREAT TIME" AFTER SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY.

ROSTER

Tuesday, 19 February - Tuckshop

Faye Holmes, Desley Munck, Carol Watson

Thursday, 21 February - Tuckshop

Kerri Phillips, Anne Price, Jean Wight,
2 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)

GRADE 3 MUMS' COFFEE MORNING

Next Friday 22 February I have organized a catch up for all Grade 3 Mums at The Coffee Club, The Gap. Starting from 9am – so come over straight after school drop off if you can make it. Parents of the new Grade 3 children are most welcome – we would love to meet you. For all of us 'old' parents returning from last year, I thought it was time for a Catch Up Coffee! If you think you can make it, please email or call me so I can have a rough idea of numbers. Hope to see you there.

Katrina Shore (Mother of Angus 3B)

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TRAFFIC INCIDENT

Last Friday (8 February) sometime between 8.30am and 9am, my parked car was hit by a car being driven along Payne Road. This was witnessed by a number of people and the driver of the other car was seen writing a note. Unfortunately, I was not there at the time and I did not find a note. My car was parked on the school side of Payne Road next to the intersection with Kernel Street.

If anyone has any information about this could you please contact me on: xxxx xxxx (work) or xxxx xxxx (home).

Marilyn Cole

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FREE KIDS SPORTS PROGRAM BEING HELD AT WITTONGA PARK, THE GAP, IS ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON NOT FRIDAY AFTERNOON AS STATED IN THE RECENT FLYER THAT WAS SENT HOME.